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MAN FOUND NUDE ASSAULTS AND SPITS ON OFFICERS

Date/Time: 06-03-11 @ 8:30p.m.

Location: 3400 block of Running Deer

Arrested: Donovan Vargas, 36 years of age of the 3400 block of Running Deer

Victim: El Paso Police Officer, Male, 4 year veteran (Assaulted) Victim: El Paso Police Officer, Female, 2 year veteran (Spat on)

EL PASO, TEXAS – An officer from the Pebble Hills Regional Command responded to a report of an indecent exposure in progress that was occurring in the 3400 block of Running Deer. The call came in around 8:30p.m. on June 3, 2011 indicating a male was outside naked. As the first officer arrived on the scene he observed a male, later identified as 36 year old Donovan Vargas, standing next to a truck that was parked in front of a home and that the man was completely naked. The officer began speaking to Vargas and asking him if he was ok. Vargas refused to answer and got into the truck. The officer called for assistance and several officers responded to assist. As verbal commands were given to Vargas to exit the vehicle and show the officers his hands he continually refused to comply. The officers then began to physically extract Vargas from the vehicle at which time Vargas struck one of the officers in the face with his hand. Vargas also "spit" on a second officer. Officers ultimately used a taser to assist in subduing Vargas who was then placed under arrest. Vargas has been booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility on charges of Assault on a Public Servant and Harassment of a Public servant

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